

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 remain in this application. Claims 15-25 have been added herewith.

The expression "characterized in that" has been cancelled and replaced by "wherein" in claims 1-10. The expression "characterized in claims 11 and 14 and the expression "characterized in that it has" has been replaced by "having" in claims 12 and 13.

The expression "as claimed in" has been replaced by "according to" in all of the claims.

The term "process" has been replaced by the term "method".

New dependent claims 15 to 25 have been added. Claims 15, 16, and 17 correspond to the preferred embodiments of claims 2, 3, and 4 as initially filed, respectively. Claims 18 and 19 correspond to the preferred embodiments of claim 8 as initially filed. Claims 20 and 21 correspond to the preferred embodiments of claim 9 as initially filed. Claim 22 corresponds to the preferred embodiment of claim 13 as initially filed. Finally, claims 23 and 24 correspond to the preferred embodiments of claim 14 as initially filed, and claim 25 corresponds to the alternative of the same claim.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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